

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Horticulture Department – Irregularities noticed in selection of beneficiaries under various schemes by the Horticulture Department at Nandigama, Krishna District – Explanation called for against Sri M. Venkateswarlu, former Assistant Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada, Krishna district - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:734

Date 16-06-2008.

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, V&E Vigilance Report No. 56, dated 22-6-2004.
2. Govt. Memo.No.8700/Vig.II(2)/04-1, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dated 16-7-2004.
3. From the CoH, Hyderabad Charge Memo.Flori/ Veg./Fruits/ Vig. /82/2004, dated 29-7-2004.
4. From Sri M.Venkateswarlu, ADH, explanation dt. 27-5-2005.
5. From the CoH, Hyderabad Lr.No. Estt. VI-162/2004, dated 12-7-2005.

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On information, Vigilance & Enforcement Department has enquired into the implementation of various schemes by the Horticulture Department at Nandigama, Karishna district leading to release of subsidy component of Rs.6.90 lakhs and found fault with Sri M.Venkateswarlu, former Asst. Director of Horticulture.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, a copy of Vigilance & Enforcement report was communicated to the Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad with a request to take necessary action against Sri M.Venkateswarlu, former Assistant Director of Horticulture Vijayawada.

3. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, Sri M.Venkateswarlu, former Assistant Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada was directed to submit his explanation by the Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad on the following allegations of irregularities in the selection of beneficiaries in various schemes by the Horticulture Department at Nandigama, Krishna district:-

1. As a member of the selection committee why he has not informed to committee that all the 7 members belonging to one family.
2. Whether he has enquired about the status of the land as all the schemes were grounded in the land of one individual (Owner) and it indicates that the other selected beneficiaries were benamis and not genuine.
3. Whether the beneficiaries were got trained before taking up the work as per the guidelines.
4. Why the subsidy amount was deposited in the joint account when the beneficiaries had not deposited the non-subsidy amount.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P. Hyderabad has furnished a statement showing the list of four allegations, the explanation of the delinquent officer, remarks of the Vigilance & Enforcement Department thereon and the remarks of the Commissioner of Horticulture and requested to issue necessary orders in the matter.

5. It is seen from the statement, that in respect of allegation No.1 the individual has stated that the applications were called by the Commissioner of Horticulture from the beneficiaries and selected by the Technical Committee. Till such time he has got no information about the applicants and hence, he has no opportunity to verify the bonafides of the applicants before finalization by the Committee. He has also stated that after perusal of the selected list, he has rejected the application of Sri V.Rajendra Paul, H/o. Smt. V.Vijaya Valli as there are both wife and husband and the two applicants cannot be considered as one family. In respect of allegation No.2 he stated that the beneficiaries have produced registered lease deeds for 30 years and were examined by the Committee; that they are in

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accordance with the guidelines of the Committee and hence it cannot be construed that the beneficiaries are benamies. In respect of allegation No.3 he stated that the Commissioner of Horticulture has instructed to impart training only after completion of construction work of the structures; that the training programmes are scheduled and organized by the Commissioner of Horticulture and the Asst. Director of Horticulture has taken initiation and deputed all the beneficiaries whose structures are in progress to Hyderabad on 17-5-2004 and one day training was organized at field level. In respect of allegation No.4 he stated that according to the norms of the schemes, non-subsidy portion has to be born by the beneficiary either by himself or by obtaining loan from banks and the non-subsidy portion will be deposited to the joint account of the beneficiary and the Asst. Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada. He further stated that the bank has given consent to release the matching non-subsidy from the loan component based on the letter of intimation of the Asst. Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada. Further, he stated that he has drawn the amount of subsidy portion to avoid lapse of budget and deposited in the joint account of the beneficiaries and Asst. Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada. Hence he has requested to drop further action in the matter.

6. In respect of Allegation No.1, the Commissioner of Horticulture has opined that the explanation of the Accused Officer may be accepted. In respect of allegation No.2, the Commissioner of Horticulture has stated that the Vigilance & Enforcement Department themselves have accepted the explanation of the Assistant Director of Horticulture. In respect of Allegation No.3, the Commissioner of Horticulture has opined that the construction of structure was purely mechanical in nature and the same was taken up by the technical people. The Commissioner of Horticulture further stated that the Assistant Director of Horticulture has infact provided one day training programme to the farmers. In respect of Allegation No.4, the Commissioner of Horticulture has stated that the Asst. Director of Horticulture has drawn subsidy and deposited in the joint account based on the consent letter given by the bank and it agrees with the guidelines.

7. After careful examination of the matter taking into consideration of the remarks of the Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad, Government have decided to drop further action against Sri M.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri M.Venkateswarlu, former Assistant Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**S. CHELLAPPA
APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri M.Venkateswarlu, former Asst. Director of Horticulture, Vijayawada
through the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Secretary, APVC, Hyderabad.

The DG, GA (V&E) Dept., Hyderabad with reference to VR No.56, dt. 22-6-2004.

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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER